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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

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Ex parte JEFFREY B. JOHNSON, ALVIN J. JOSEPH and  
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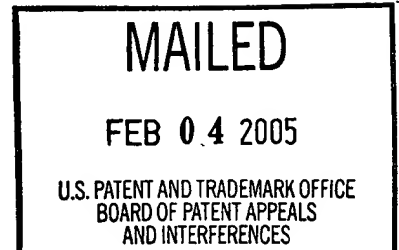
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Application No. 09/866,319

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

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This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on December 21, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

Appellant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on November 21, 2003. It is not clear from the record whether or not this IDS has been considered or acknowledged. The examiner needs to consider the Information Disclosure Statement and acknowledge such consideration.

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Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is returned to the examiner for:

- 1) consideration and proper written response to the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 21, 2003; and
- 2) for any further action as deemed appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e. abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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